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SUBJECT: PDRY AT THE CROSSROADS

1. SUMMARY. WEST GERMANS NEGOTIATED RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH YEMEN LAST YEAR, AND HAVE NOW TAKEN FURTHER STEP BY TABLING FIRST AID AGREEMENT.

2. FRG AMBASSADOR TO SANA, WHO ALSO ACCREDITED TO SMALL, NEW EMBASSY IN ADEN AND IN FACT NEGOTIATED RESUMPTION BOTH HERE AND IN ADEN HAS JUST RETURNED FROM VISIT TO PDRY OVER OCT 14 REVOLUTION DAY CELEBRATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR TOLD DCM ON 26 OCT THAT WHILE IN SOUTH YEMEN HE HAD TABLED A FORMAL AID AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR DM 10 MILLION LOAN ON IDA TERMS PLUS DM 1 MILLION GRANT FOR
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FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AGREEMENT FOLLOWS

UP ON VISIT OF WEST GERMAN SURVEY TEAM EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FRG COULD USEFULLY INVEST IN SOME INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR COUNTRY WHICH AS POOR AS THEN NORTH YEMEN (WHICH HAS LARGE FRG AID PROGRAM). AMBASSADOR SAYS PROJECTS SELECTED ARE "NEUTRAL", I E, RATHER THAN ROADS TO PROVINCES OR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS--WHICH WOULD DIRECTLY BENEFIT GOVERNMENT--FRG INVESTMENT WILL GO FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES LIKE SEWER SYSTEMS.

3. PDRY HAS NOT YET SIGNED THE AGREEMENT, WHICH CONTAINS THE BERLIN CLAUSE (ASSERTING FRG GOVERNMENT ROLE IN BERLIN) WHICH EAST GERMANS STRONGLY OPPOSE. (SINCE AGREEMENT NOT SIGNED, FRG AMBASSADOR CONCERNED NOTHING HAPPEN TO SPREAD DETAILS OF FRG OFFER PREMATURELY.) AMBASSADOR CONFIDENT, HOWEVER THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED SHORTLY IN UNCHANGED FORM. BERLIN CLAUSE WAS FOR INSTANCE ON RESUMPTION COMMUNIQUE LAST YEAR.

4. FRG AMBASSADOR SPOKE AT LENGTH OF MEDDLING OF GDR AMBASSADOR--WHO PRESENTED HIMSELF TO AMBASSADOR FIRST DAY OF VISIT AND ANNOUNCEDNB "CFNSWILL NOT SUCCEED"--AND OF SOVIETS. IN VIEW OF FRG AMBASSADOR, BOTH SOVS AND EAST GERMANS HAVE NIGHTMARE THAT WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM IN NORTH YEMEN WILL ALSO HAPPEN IN SOUTH, AND SEE WEST GERMAN DIPLOMATIC RESUMPTION AND AID AS SAME WEDGE THAT OPENED WAY FOR US AND SAUDIS IN NORTH. EAST GERMANS CONTEST WITH PDRY OFFICIALS EVERYTHING DONE FOR AND WITH FRG MISSION, EVEN HOUSING AND AIRPORT RECEPTION MUCH TO DELIGHT OF FRG AMBASSADOR WHO SAYS HIS POLICY IS TO SMILE AND "PLAY GOOD GUY ROLE." HE REPORTS PDRY OFFICIALS CLEARLY IRKED BY SOVIETS, EAST GERMAN MEDDLE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SHOW THIS DISPLEASURE. STILL THEY ARE CLOSELY TIED TO SOVIETS, AND FRG AMBASSADOR THAT THEY CONSIDER THEMSELVES MEMBERS OF "SOCIALIST CAMP."

5. AMBASSADOR SAYS THAT POVERTY OF PDRY, PLUS EASE OF SETTING WELCOME CONTRAST TO HARD TERMS, MILITARY ORIENTATION AND HEAVY-HANDED TACTICS OF SOVIETS AND OTHER EASTERN AID-GIVERS, MAKES SMALL FRG ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM HIGHLY SECRET

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DESIRABLE. HE EXPECTS THAT WEST GERMAN COMPANY WILL GET ADEN SEWER CONTRACT, AND HAS TOLD PDRY OFFICIALS THAT WEST GERMAN GOVT WILL PROBABLY ANTE UP ANOTHER DM 5-10 MILLION NEXT YEAR.

6. AMBASSADOR CITES EXTREME POVERTY OF GOVT, POINTING OUT THAT RECENT RUMANIAN AID OFFER WHICH REQUIRED COUNTERPART EXPENSES BY PDRY HAD TO BE DECLINED.

AMB ALSO TOLD OF ADAMANT PDRY ATTEMPT PRIOR
TO RESUMPTION TO LINK OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO
WEST GERMAN AID. WEST GERMANS JUST AS ADAMANTLY REFUSED,
BUT FINALLY AGREED INFORMALLY TO SEND AID SURVEY MISSION
AFTER MISSION ESTABLISHED. HE IS CONVINCED THAT RELATIVELY
SMALL AMOUNTS OF AID CAN HAVE DISPROPORTIONATE POSITIVE EFFECT.

7. COMMENT. FRG ROLE IN SOUTH YEMEN IS CLEARLY MARGINAL
BUT IT PROBABLY USEFUL FOR USG INTERESTS KOR FRG TO PLAY THE
B"GOOD GUY" ROLE IN ADEN AT THIS POINT IN TIME. FRG CAN THUS
TO SOME LIMITED EXTENT ACT AS OPENING WEDGE IN PDRY, PARTICULARLY
IF SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS CONTINUE TO ASSIDUOUSLY AND
IRKSOMELY TO PLAY SPOILER'S ROLE. OBVIOUSLY MAIN SOURCE
OF FUNDS AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS NEEDED TO CHANGE AND
MODERATE PDRY WILL NOT RPT NOT COME FROM FRG BUT
FROM OTHER QUARTERS. STILL FRG SUCCESSES IN DEALING WITH
REGIME WHICH HAS BEEN LOCKED IN EMBRACE OF RADICALS AND
SOVIETS SINCE 1967 IS GOOD MEASURE OF NEW ATTITUDES IN
SOUTH YEMEN.
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